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The final judgement obviously falls short of having Microsoft be responsible for the problems they cause in forcing consumers to use microsoft products.

Just take a look at the latest operating system from Microsoft and you will see that they are now attacking the AOL Instant Messaging Service. I personally installed XP Professional Windows operating system from Microsoft. It automatically loads Windows Messenger into the OS, but that is not the bad part. The problem is that the Windows Messaging client cannot be de-installed. I tried to remove it from the task bar. On re-boot, microsoft placed it back into the task bar. I tried to remove the program files directory and received registry errors. I tried to remove all references to the Windows Messenger from the registry and was happy for a short with the product not running on my system until the next windows upgrade when all of a sudden the product was back. I have not configured it nor do I use it (I use AOL IM instead) but it keeps telling me I need to set the .NET stuff and start using it. (this is known as badgering)

Somehow Microsoft needs to get that this is wrong and to stop doing it. The current penalty for this type of issue is not even noticable for Microsoft. Obviously, Microsoft believes they can keep it in the judicial system until the problem is a faint memory and the companies that they destroy along the way are just a memory. We are a nation that is suppose to punish those who do wrong even if it was a long time ago. How are we as a nation to promote free enterprises to startup when the monopoly (microsoft) will uncut them before they start. People have a right to use the software they want and to not have big brother force us to use their software. Internet Explorer was one example, Now that that problem is basically behind Microsoft, they are attacking the next product. How do we stop this? The best way is to make it not profitable to cause this type of pain. Even if it is long ago, make sure that the impacts to Microsofts ability to cause similar future problems are extremely hampered. If that causes the price for microsoft products to increase, then maybe other vendors will have a chance to make a difference.

When criminals cause the same problem over and over, many states take on the principal of three strike and your out. Well, Microsoft has been doing this for alot more than three strikes. When will we make a stand and say that is enough?

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